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Page 2, insert as conclusion 3, renumbering paragraphs accordingly:

"3. In view of the increasing vigor, coordination and effectiveness of recent Viet Minh operations, as well as a considerable increase in Communist Chinese logistic aid to the Viet Minh, we believe the latter will continue to maintain the capability of exerting constant pressure on French positions in Tonkin."

Page 3, delete paragraph 6 and substitute the following:

"5. The probable outlook through mid-1952 in Indochina is one of gradual deterioration of the French-Vietnamese military position. We foresee at the least some territorial gains by the Viet Minh, but not a decisive victory during the period of this estimate."

(Note: Foregoing paragraph also substitutes for paragraph 24, page 15.)

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